

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are is the case.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies, to improve readability and to place the application is a better format for examination.

No new matter is believed to have been added respecting the claims.

An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

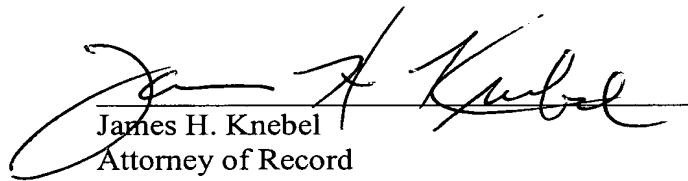
Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.
Norman F. Oblon

Customer Number

22850

Tel: (703) 413-3000
Fax: (703) 413 -2220
(OSMMN 03/06)



James H. Knebel
Attorney of Record
Registration No. 22,630